

to continue his work on behalf of his neighbors and build his law career. In recognition of Tom's outstanding service to the Commonwealth and ability to breach partisan divides, a Democratic Governor appointed him to a vacancy on the Kentucky Court of Appeals in 1987. Voters reelected him to that position twice, and his peers appointed him to serve as chief judge of the court of appeals, a position he held until 2004. By the time of his retirement, the entire Kentucky legal community recognized this once-upstart conservative as a widely revered senior statesman.

Throughout the course of his career, Tom made sure to expand the scope of his service beyond the courtroom and the ballot box. He maintained lifelong involvement with the WKU community, serving with distinction on the school's board of regents and as the WKU Alumni Association Board President. He received repeated recognition from community organizations based in and around Metcalfe County, including the local chamber of commerce and area development district. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet even named Thomas D. Emberton Bridge in Metcalfe County in his honor.

Along the way, Tom and his wife Julia Lee built an amazing home and family in Metcalfe County. His two children, Laura and Tom Jr., five grandchildren, and recently arrived great-grandchildren were the light of his life. I had the pleasure of visiting the Emberton family over the years and reminiscing with Tom about his campaign days and discussing the current state of politics and policy in the Commonwealth. He and Julia Lee also built a special relationship with my wife, Elaine, that all of us have cherished for many years.

I was shocked to hear of Tom's sudden passing last month in a fire, when he heroically saved his wife's life and perished inside his home. Elaine and I are mourning alongside the entire Emberton family and hope they can find some solace in this difficult time. On behalf of the entire Senate, I honor Tom for his service to Kentucky and offer prayers to the Emberton family as they memorialize Tom's incredible life and career.

TRIBUTE TO HOLLIS ALEXANDER

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, following a decade of service as Trigg County Judge-Executive, Hollis Alexander is retiring. He has spent 35 years in service to his constituents in a variety of roles and is now looking forward to spending more time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Hollis for his work on behalf of Kentucky and honoring him for his service to the Commonwealth.

Hollis got his start in public service through his work with the Cadiz Police Department, which he led as chief for nearly two decades before entering

elected office. Through his career in law enforcement, he became a well-known face to Trigg County locals. His work also caught the eye of statewide leaders, and when Trigg County's previous judge-executive stepped down to take a seat in the State senate, Kentucky's Governor appointed Hollis as his replacement.

Though originally a Democrat, Hollis joined scores of other Kentucky elected officials to switch his party registration and better reflect the conservative values of most of his constituents. Since his original appointment in 2013, Hollis won reelection twice—first as a Democrat, then as a Republican—and earned the trust and confidence of his neighbors.

Hollis lists Trigg County's fiscal strength as one of his proudest accomplishments in office. Through his successful stewardship of county revenues and expenses, he was able to upgrade local government facilities and equipment. Hollis has left Trigg County's government better than it was when he found it, making a mark on his community that his neighbors will feel for years to come.

Judge Alexander says he is looking forward to spending more time with his family—and especially his four grandchildren—after he takes a step back from his current role at this year's end. I know he certainly deserves it after three-and-a-half decades of fine service to Trigg County. On behalf of my Senate colleagues, I wish Hollis the best of luck in the next step of his life and express my deep gratitude for his service to Kentucky.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY BERRY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, after 20 years of service as Hardin County judge-executive, my good friend Harry Berry is retiring. Over the past two decades, he has built a Kentucky-wide reputation for steadfast leadership and selfless service. Today, I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in thanking Judge Berry for his work and wishing him well in his retirement.

Harry took a circuitous route to public service in Hardin County. A Missouri native, he spent much of his early career in the Washington, DC, area, working with the CIA, Army, and other defense agencies to coordinate engineering projects around the world. When Harry decided to retire from that role, he and his wife Jill chose Hardin County as their new home; the county was close to Jill's parents in Hopkins County and offered robust services to the former military personnel who settled in the area after service at Fort Knox.

Harry is a self-described introvert who prefers to approach the world with the quiet, analytical approach he developed as a military engineer rather than the bombast common in politics. Still, he has a keen eye for organization and development, honed through 20 years in the Army and, upon moving

to Hardin County, spotted several local issues he thought he could try his hand at improving. His first run for public office was unsuccessful, but after living in Hardin County for only a few years, he won the county judge-executive race in 2002. He was the first Republican to ever occupy the office.

Twenty years later, Harry says his retail politicking has improved. But his real accomplishments in office have been largely behind the scenes: sound financial management, improved hiring and public services, upgraded government facilities, and extensive economic development spurred by his steady, capable leadership. Under Harry's purview, Hardin County has grown at a quick clip, leveraging its close connections to the Fort Knox military installation to foster new business and growth.

Beyond his public service, Harry has grown roots in Hardin County that will continue to deepen in his retirement. He has leaned into his community's extensive slate of organizations dedicated to caring for veterans, including the Disabled Veterans Association, the VFW, and the Military Officers Association. He promotes philanthropy and volunteerism through the Lions, Masons, and Shriners. As Harry takes a step back from elected office, I am sure these organizations will welcome his interest and energy.

Few leaders can move to a new community and, within only a few years, win an election to be that community's chief elected official. Fewer still can do so without any experience in public office. But Harry did so seamlessly and, 20 years later, has become an indispensable part of Hardin County government. I know I speak for many Kentuckians when I say I am sorry to see him leave this role but thankful for the two decades of service he dedicated to our Commonwealth. On behalf of my Senate colleagues, I congratulate Judge Harry Berry on his well-earned retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY FOXWORTHY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, Fleming County Judge-Executive Larry Foxworthy is stepping down after 20 years of work on behalf of his constituents. His keen management of Fleming County's finances and efforts to shore up government services have left a deep mark on his community. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Judge Foxworthy for his sound leadership and congratulating him on his retirement.

Larry and his wife Joyce are both lifelong residents of northeastern Kentucky's Fleming County, part of a region of the Commonwealth noted for its rolling farmland and historic small towns. Larry has dedicated himself to both preserving that area's heritage and charting a course toward a more vibrant future. As the county has grown in population and economic development over the past two decades,

his leadership has been proven a success.

Judge Foxworthy takes a hands-on approach to leadership. Beyond the fiscal court, he offers input on several boards that impact Fleming County's economy and public services: the Fleming-Mason Airport Board of Directors, the Fleming County Hospital Board of Directors, and the Fleming County Industrial Authority Board of Directors, to name a few. He has taken his expertise region- and Commonwealth-wide, helping the Kentucky Association of Counties advocate for favorable policies on the State and Federal level, and directing economic initiatives in northeastern Kentucky through service as the Buffalo Trace Area Development District Chairman.

Future generations will feel Larry's impact on Fleming County through several tangible improvements he brought to his community. He spearheaded the expansion of the Fleming County Nature Preserve, inviting more tourists to his part of the Commonwealth. He helped protect the Fleming County Hospital from insolvency, guaranteeing continued medical care for his constituents. He has left Fleming County's finances better than he found them, allowing local government to continue to provide the services its citizens rely on.

Larry and Joyce chose to raise their three children in Fleming County and have been blessed to become grandparents in recent years. I know that, in retirement, Larry will cherish the opportunity to spend more time with his growing family and foster the next generation of leaders in Kentucky. I thank Larry for his service and, on behalf of my Senate colleagues, honor him as he charts the next chapter in his life and career.

TRIBUTE TO AL MATTINGLY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, Daviess County Judge-Executive Al Mattingly has served his community with distinction since 2011, earning three terms in office and leading Owensboro toward a bright, prosperous future. Last year, Al announced he would not seek a fourth term in office, following in his predecessors' footsteps by deciding to serve a maximum of 12 years as judge-executive. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Al for his service to Daviess County and thanking him for his effective leadership.

Al felt called to public service early in life and hasn't let up on his commitment since. Following his graduation from Owensboro's Brescia College, he joined the U.S. Army to help protect and defend our Nation. Not long after, he married his wife of more than 50 years, Judy Wolfe, and then returned to his hometown for a career in the private sector.

Al has remained involved in Owensboro's thriving small business community since then and currently

serves as president of the family-owned Acme Plumbing and Heating company. However, two decades ago, he realized he could make his mark on Daviess County beyond that role and ran for the Owensboro City Commission. After winning election in 2003 and again in 2007, Al earned the title of Owensboro mayor pro tem in 2007. This served as the perfect primer for his county-wide service as judge-executive, which began in 2011.

Over the past decade, Al has marked a number of important milestones in Owensboro's history. In just the last year, Owensboro earned the title of "Bluegrass Capital of the World," cementing a yearslong effort to foster the musical arts in Daviess County and bring tourists to the cradle of Bluegrass music in the surrounding region. Al leveraged Owensboro's access to the Ohio River to expand Daviess County's riverport infrastructure and waterfront attractions, inviting economic development for the whole county. But more than anything, Al says his chief achievement has been his unique ability to sit down with his constituents and listen to their concerns, one-on-one. That kind of personal relationship with his neighbors and voters has always been the lynchpin of Al's career.

Al says he looks forward to spending more time with his wife and family during his retirement and is also likely to expand his lifetime involvement with his church, Our Lady of Lourdes. After his decades of service to Daviess County, he has certainly earned the right to take a step back from the public eye and enjoy his retirement. On behalf of the Commonwealth and the U.S. Senate, I would like to express my immense gratitude to Al for his work on behalf of Daviess County and wish him well in the next step in his career.

TRIBUTE TO WADE WHITE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, after three terms as Lyon County judge-executive, my good friend Wade White is stepping down from his position and has been nominated to serve on the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors. His proven leadership in local government has caught the eye of Federal leaders, but I know his focus remains on Kentucky and helping his community access the inexpensive, reliable power TVA promises to provide to a wide swath of our Commonwealth. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Wade for his public service and wishing him the best in the next step in his career.

Wade's heart has always been in serving his neighbors and home State. Even before his community elected him to serve as their top county official, he made a mark on Kentucky as a youth minister and insurance adjuster—in both roles, helping people as they went through tough times. Twelve years ago, he threw his hat in the ring and successfully pursued election as county judge-executive. He has lent his top-

tier leadership and expertise to Lyon County ever since.

During his tenure, Wade's focus has been set squarely on some of the long-term challenges facing Lyon County. As one of the two Kentucky counties encompassing Land Between the Lakes, Lyon County and its leaders play an important role in advocating for prudent Federal land management policies. Wade and I have worked together closely to ensure Land Between the Lakes continues to offer economic and recreational opportunities for generations of Kentuckians to come.

Wade has also prioritized two pressing issues facing waterways in his region of Kentucky: improving Barkley Dam and addressing the ongoing Asian carp infestation. His work on these issues served as strong preparation for his nomination to the TVA Board, which plays a key role in managing Kentucky's waterways. The board also lacks representation from our State, despite serving 215,000 Kentucky households; Wade's unique perspective promises to bring balance to the organization and its priorities.

Though Wade is taking a step back from elected office, his career in public service is far from over. He will continue to steward Kentucky's development, just as he did during—and even before—his tenure as Lyon County judge-executive. On behalf of my Senate colleagues, I thank Wade for his hard work on behalf of Kentucky and look forward to his future service to our Nation.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 22-0P. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades